



Learning with Purpose

Remembering 1916: The Easter Rising, The Battle of the Somme and Impact on Lowell—A Public Engagement Conference

**Wednesday, September 7, 2016 -
Thursday, September 8, 2016**

**UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center
50 Warren Street
Lowell, MA 01852**

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

5 – 6 p.m.

Conference Registration

Location: Hallway outside Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

6 – 7 p.m.

Networking Reception

Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

7 - 8 p.m.

Introductions and Keynote Address

Keynote: Remembering 1916: Legacy and Commemoration

Speaker: William Blair, Head of Human History, National Museums Northern Ireland

Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

Thursday, September 8, 2016

8 – 9 a.m.

Conference Registration

Location: Hallway outside Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

9 – 9:15 a.m.

Conference Welcome

Speaker: The Honorable Fionnuala Quinlan, Consul General of Ireland to New England

Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

9:15 – 10 a.m.

From Past Conflict to Shared Future: The Living Legacies of World War 1 and 1916

Speaker: Prof. Keith Lilley, 'Living Legacies 1914 – 1918'

Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

10 – 10:45 a.m.

Remembering 1916: Community Engagement in Northern Ireland

Speakers: Dr. Kurt Taroff, Queen's University Belfast

Sophie Long, PhD Candidate at Queen's University Belfast

Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

10:45 – 11 a.m.

Coffee /Tea Break

11– 11:45 a.m.

Excavating 1916: Community Archaeology in Action

Speakers: Dr. Colm Donnelly, Director, Centre for Archaeological Fieldwork (CAF) and Senior Research Fellow at Queen's University Belfast

Heather Montgomery, Queen's University Belfast

Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor

11:45 – 12:30 p.m.	Exhibiting 1916: Community Engagement and Curating Practices
Speakers:	William Blair, Head of Human History, National Museums Northern Ireland
Fiona Byrne, Living Legacies 1914 – 1918	
Location:	<i>Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor</i>
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
Location:	<i>Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor</i>
1:30 - 2:15 p.m.	The Rising: Tradition and Social Memory
Speakers:	Dr. Tomás Mac Connara, Manager, Cork Folklore Project Thomas O'Mahony, Cork Folklore Project
Location:	<i>Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor</i>
2:15 – 3:30 p.m.	1916 in Irish-American Identity and Remembrance
Location:	<i>Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor</i>
Title:	“Lowell and the Rising: What Do the Newspapers Tell Us?”
Speaker:	Prof. Robert Forrant, University of Massachusetts Lowell
Title:	“Lowell’s Contributions to World War I”
Speaker:	Eileen Loucraft, Lowell Historical Society
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Irish-American Connections: Reflecting on 1916 and 2016 - a Roundtable
Location:	<i>Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor</i>
4:30 – 6 p.m.	Conference Closing and Reception
Location:	<i>Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor</i>